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Applicant's arguments, see pages 5-6, filed October 8, 2009, with respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1 and 3-7 has been withdrawn.

However, the limitation to which this rejection pertains, "said natural rubber originating from natural rubber latex containing allergic proteins, which allergic proteins cause Type I allergy," describes the starting material rubber. The claim is to a final product natural rubber having or not having certain characteristics. The starting material rubber is only pertinent if a different natural rubber starting material would produce a different final product with different structure. Due to this fact, the Office has stated that a proper showing comparing the two different types of natural rubber starting materials, i.e., one containing proteins causing Type I allergies and one not containing those proteins, would be beneficial in helping to overcome the 103 rejection of record. This showing should demonstrate that some type of structure that is present at the beginning of the process is carried through the process resulting in different end products depending upon the type of starting natural rubber. Therefore, until something such as the above can be shown, this limitation is given little patentable weight.

Applicants further arguments presented pertaining to issues under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have not been considered as they pertain to issues that require further search and/or consideration.

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